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Transportation Funding is Critical to State's Economy: More Borrowing is Fiscally Irresponsible

Milwaukee – State Representative Josh Zepnick warned Assembly Republicans of the potential economic disaster of a further delay of the completion of the Zoo Interchange.

“Last month I released a bill that allows cities or counties to tax gasoline at the pump with Wisconsin’s sales tax, and all revenue be placed in a local infrastructure fund. Today, I welcome Republican legislators in the State Assembly to foster a fair solution and support adding revenue to fund our road projects.”

“However, further delay of the Zoo Interchange is not the answer to our transportation problems. Having a thriving Milwaukee benefits the entire state, and delaying this road project would jeopardize the safety of Wisconsinites and the strength of our economy.

“My plan gives Wisconsin communities the ability to maintain our roads, bridges, transit and local infrastructure. Wisconsin communities need more flexibility in transit and fixing their roads. Republicans in Madison want to create a shell game that cuts local road aids in favor of large and unnecessary spending projects. This is a wrong-headed move.

“No matter where you live or travel, Wisconsin’s transportation credit card is maxed out. Borrowing more will increase the taxpayer’s burden for future generations. Given historically low gas prices and fluctuations of 25 cents on any given week; it is insulting to the public to not develop a fair and responsible balance between revenue increases and borrowing.”

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